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REPORT

Foreign Affairs Section,
Crime & Special Branch. Station. File No. Date November 20, 1942.

SUBJECT: Inauguration Ceremony of the Communal Steam Kitchen for Jewish Refugees at 961 East Seward Road.

At 10 a.m. on the 15th of November, 1942, the inauguration ceremony of the "Communal Steam Kitchen" at 961 East Seward Road, Refugee Camp, for the destitute Jewish Refugees from Central Europe was held, which was organized by the "Kitchen Fund" and "Centrjewcom" organizations together. The full capacity of the kitchen is 6,000 meals at one time.

The occasion was attended by about 200 persons consisting of prominent Russian Jews and Jewish Refugees from Central Europe.

The ceremony was also attended through invitation by Mr. Kubota and Mr. Sekiya from the Imperial Japanese Naval Authorities and Mrs. Nogami.

Dr. Bergglas, Chairman of the "Kitchen Fund". and L.M. Rogovin, Chairman of the "Centrjewcom" presided. The opening was made by a cantor, who sang a hymn in the Jiddish language, which was followed by a short speech from a rabbi in the German language, citing the Jewish Problem in general and in Shanghai.

Further short speeches were made by the following:-

1) Dr. Bergglass, who welcomed the representatives of the Japanese Authorities and other persons attending the ceremony, thanking all for the attendance. He informed the assembly that from the 15th of November the "Kitchen Fund" is able to feed 3,000 refugees.

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2) Dr. Silberstein, member of the "Kuratorium of the Kitchen Fund", gave a short outline of the foundation and activity of the "Kitchen Fund" and a short account of the Jewish Emigration into Shanghai.

3) L.M. Rogovin, mentioned above, outlined the founding and activity of the "Centrjewcom", in the short period of its existence, and that the organization had undertaken the care of over 600 children.

4) Mr. Kubota then made a short speech in the Japanese language, which was interpreted in English by Dr. Cohn as follows:

"That the Japanese Authorities are glad to hear of the well organized support to the destitute refugees, rendered by the Jewish Charity Organizations in Shanghai, that the Japanese Government could not render any monetary assistance for this purpose, being for five years in a state of war with China and now also in war with other countries, that he wishes the unemployed refugees to obtain employment, so that they would not be in need of help from Charity organizations."

The speech of Mr. Kubota was met with great enthusiasm by the persons present.

The key to the Communal Kitchen was then sold by "American Auction", officiated by A. Beerbrayer, member of "Centrjewcom", and was sold for $25,000 to I. Kahan, Latvian Jew, Committee member of the Ashkenazi Jewish Communal Association, being the last bidder in the auction offering $5,000.00.

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I. Kahan presented the key to Mr. Kubota and asked him to open the kitchen door. This offer was accepted by Mr. Kubota and all persons present then proceeded to the kitchen door where again a short prayer in Jiddish was made by the attending rabbi and Mr. Kubota then unlocked the kitchen door, all entered and a general inspection was made of the 14 large kettles, in which the food is cooked by steam from a boiler in the adjoining room.

All were offered to test the food. During the test of the food the auctioneerer A. Beerbrayer put up for sale the 14 kettles on which name plates of honorable guests would be affixed.

The 14 kettles were sold for approximately $12,000 ranging from $500 to $3,100 each. Three of these kettles were sold to I. Yanovicz, Russian Jew, member of the Jewish Chamber of Commerce, who offered that on one of the kettles would be engraved the name of Mr. Kubato, on another the name of Mr. Sekiya and on the third "Jewish Youth".

The above was accepted.

One of the kettles will bear the name of Mrs. Nogami, who came together with Mr. Kubota.

Four "messuses", small metal containers with a inscription in Hebrew (every Jewish home should have one on the outer side of their house door), were also sold by auction for the total of $3,400.00. The total sum of $45,000 to $50,000 was collected from the auction; the exact total amount will be ascertained later.

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All persons present then proceeded to the Jewish Kadooric School on the corner of East Yuhang and Chaoufoong Road and were present at the feeding of over 600 refugee children, supported by the "Centrjewcom" organization.

Tea and cakes were served to the guests and the children performed some singing and dancing. Short speeches were made in which thanks were expressed to the representatives of the Japanese Authorities and the celebration came to an end.

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REPORT

Foreign Affairs,
Crime & Special Branch Station. File No. 8422(C)/0(8) Date 20/11/42 Nov. 19, 1942.

SUBJECT: Application for Permission to hold a General Meeting of all Supporters of the "EASTJEWCOM" on Dec. 6th., 1942.

With reference to the attached application by "Eastjewcom" (Committee for the Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Eastern Europe) to hold a General Meeting of all Supporters of the Organization at 4 p.m. on Dec. 6th. 1942, at the Shanghai Jewish Club, 722 B'Well Road, it can be stated that the main purpose for the meeting will be the election of a new Executive Committee and the meeting will be attended by 200 to 300 persons.

The Organization was founded in March 1941 for the purpose of rendering assistance to the Jewish Refugees from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia and since then had no changes in the membership of the Executive Committee.

At present a certain dissatisfaction has been expressed by the recently founded "Centrjewcom" (Ashkenazi Committee for the Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Central Europe) and the members of the "Kuratorium of the Kitchen Fund" for unwilling cooperation of the existing Executive Committee of the "Eastjewcom", therefore the general meeting and election was found to be necessary

The Organization is registered with the S.M.Police and there appears to be no objection in granting the requisite permission for the meeting, which is of great importance to the Russian Jewish Community in general.

The applicant for the permission is A. Oppenheim, Chairman of the Organization, Lithuanian Jew, No. 330 Szechuen Road.

Sur/: Applicant informed by telephone "no objection" Eggarsson DSI. 20/11/42

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COMMITTEE FOR ASSISTANCE OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE
("EASTJEWCOM")

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Shanghai, 14th November 1942

Shanghai Municipal Police,
(Foreign Section)
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs,

Kindly note that on December 6th,1942 at 4 p.m. at the Shanghai Jewish Club Premises, 722 Bubbling Well Road, a meeting of all supporters and donors of "Eastjewcom" will be held.

Following is the agenda:

1. Commeettee's Report of its activities
2. Financial Report
3. Watch Committee Report
4. Election of 12 members and 6 candidates for Committee
5. Election of 3 members and 2 candidates for Watch Committee

Yours faithfully,
COMMITTEE FOR ASSISTANCE OF
JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPE

Chairman Hon. Secretary

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Foreign Affairs,
Crime & Special Branch Station. File No. ..... Date Oct. 24, 1942.

SUBJECT: European Jewish Refugees - Premises leased from SMC

With reference to the attached minutes of the Coordinating Committee, it can be stated that the Kitchen Fund - Kuratorium has now received a letter from the S.M.C. informing that the rental as stated in the minutes shall be collected for the Alcock Road Barracks $1500 per mensem and $1800 per mensem for the Primary School for Chinese, Wayside Road, as from the 1st. of November, 1942.

The above was disclosed during an interview with Dr. Berglass, Chairman of the Kitchen Fund Kuratorium in the presence of other members of the same organization, who stated that in view of the fact that the S.M.C. was so kind as to assist the Jewish refugees through contributing $20,000 per mensem for supporting the Refugee Camps, which sum has been also received for the month of October, the above letter came as a big surprise and will be of grave consequence to the refugees, because in view of the insufficient money for supporting the Camps, the balance will have to be covered from the money collected for feeding the refugees and that it rather looks like that the S.M.C. is contributing to the refugee problem with one hand and taking away with the other and that the "Kuratorium" will request the S.M.C. to withdraw the decision and intend to send delegates to the Chairman or Secretary of the S.M.C. to discuss the matter.

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Extract from the Minutes of the Coordinating Committee held on Friday, September 25, 1942.

European Jewish Refugees.- Premises leased from Council.

With regard to the occupation by the European Jewish Refugees of the Council's premises, Alcock Road Barracks and the Primary School for Chinese, Wayside Road, Mr. Teraoka states that on July 10 this Committee decided that the Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees was to be informed that they would be permitted to occupy these premises for three months at a nominal rental, after which they would be charged an economic rental. The Public Works Department report that an economic rental for the Alcock Road Barracks would be $1,500 per mensem and $1,800 per mensem for the Primary School for Chinese, Wayside Road. It is

DECIDED that as from November 1, the Council is to charge the Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees a rental of $1,500 per mensem for the Alcock Road Barracks and $1,800 per mensem for the Primary School for Chinese, Wayside Road.

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Foreign Affairs Station. File No. Date September 10, 1942.

SUBJECT: Meeting of the "Kuratorium" of the Kitchen Fund.

At 5.30 p.m. on the 9-th of September, 1942, a meeting was held by the members of the "Kuratorium" of the Kitchen Fund, at the Shanghai Jewish Club, 722 Bubbling Well Road, when 29 members were present, including the two representatives of the Joint Distributing Committee, in New-York, Miss L. Margolis and M. Siegel.

The meeting was opened by the chairman of the Kuratorium Dr. Bergglas, stating that this is actually the first meeting attended by the members of the new organization, as the last meeting on the 2-9-42 was still the meeting of the Committee for The Assistance... and that the Kuratorium now wishes to give the members the line of activities pursued by the Kuratorium and a small account of the money collected and spent since the 19-8-42, the date on which the actual work of the Kuratorium commenced, and from which date the Kuratorium is the only Jewish organization which is responsible for the "feeding" and "housing" of the destitute Jewish Refugees from Central Europe in Shanghai, and further that now the above problem has been placed entirely in the hands of the Jewish Refugees themselves, therefore calling all members to do their upmost to solve the problem.

After the above speach of the chairman, followed the reports of some members of the Kuratorium, who made suggestions about the soliciting for funds, advertisment and open accounts in newspapers in order that the general public should be informed how the money, collected on the "Sponsorship" system and other donations, was spent and how controlled. From the 19-th of August to the 5-th of September the Kuratorium has collected the sum of over $61.000, including the sums handed over by the Committee for the Assistance,

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The destitute refugees have been devided in groups, according their age, their need of help.

Group "A"-----Children.
" "B"-----Sick persons.
" "C"----- Persons over the age of 60.

Further if money left, the help will be rendered according to age, ascertained from the Jewish Community. Refugees who have failed to register with the Jewish Community can not receive help from the Kuratorium.

At the end of the meeting M. Siegel spoke on behalf of himself and Miss Margolis and challenged the members of the meeting that they (Siegel and Margolis) will pay an equal sum to the Kuratorium as collected by the members on the "Sponsorship" system up to the I-st of October, 1942.

This challenge was met with a great exaltation by the members of the meeting.

Miss Margolis then reproached the well-to-do Jewish Refugees from Central Europe that they were waiting only for money from U.S.A. and up to the present time did not take any steps to cope with the problem of the destitute emigrants themselves, but that she has now hope that such attitude will change in the future.

The meeting was then adjourned for an undefinite date.

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in so far that they have shown their willingness to assist in the general relief work for the refugees.

Rabbi Ashkenazi spoke in favour of the new Committee and informed the meeting that he had received Yen 750 from Dr. Kaufmann, President of the Harbin Jewish Community and that the above sum is placed at the disposal of the new founded Committee.

The next meeting of the new Committee will take place on Thursday next at the Jewish Club.

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Foreign Affairs Section. File No. Date September 5, 1942.

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SUBJECT: Meeting of the Committee for the Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Central Europe.

At 5 p.m. on the 2-nd of September 1942 at the Jewish Club, 722 Bubbling Well Road a Meeting was held of the "Committee for the Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Central Europe".

In view of the fact that M.Spielman, president of the above Committee has resigned, the persons assemled asked Miss Laura Margolis to preside over the meeting.

Miss Margolis took the chair and immediately announced that also the resignations of A. Sopher, Reverent Brown, and J. Bitker have been received , who have failed to attend the present meeting.

In view of the above the Ashkenazi Communal Association and the Sephardic Jewish Community were not actually represented at the meeting, however irrespective of the absence of the representatives of the two Communities, the meeting was rather crowded, because of the representatives of the Jewish Community and the large number of the representatives connected with the "Kitchen Fund". In all there were about 30 persons at the meeting.

Miss Margolis then delivered a speach stating that in view of the fact that the Committee for Assistance is unable to exist any longer, as it had fallen to pieces(only 8 members of the Jewish Community remaining), another body must be founded who would take over the problem of "feeding" and "housing" the unemployed refugees (numbering over 4000 persons) and that a way must be found to achieve this goal. She further stated that in view of the above the whole "Committee for the Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Centra

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Europe" now resignes and that this is one of the main factors to decide, who is taking over the responsibility to feed the rfugees and to take care of the Refugee Camps.

The second factor is, to whom should the resigned Committe hand over the assets at present in possession of the Committe consisting of money and a quantity of foodstuffs.

She further stated that as regards the "feeding" of the refugees the organization of the "Kitchen Fund" should come in focus, whilst the "housing" problem should be taken over by the Jewish Community, stating that the support of the five Refugee Camps requires about $35.000 per month, this includes electrisity, water, heating etc.

(NOTE; At this point it has to be mentioned that as from the 19-th of August, 1942, the so called "CURATORIUM" of the "Kitchen Fund", has established itself as an independent body in whose hands the collecting of "Sponsorships" has been placed and also other donations, however this money can be only spent for "feeding" the refugees, and in charge of purchase of foodstuffs from this money is placed Lutz Wachsner and his staff, who are working to every-body's satisfaction. Whilst the money in support of the camps was drawn from the sum still left, about $100.000, which was sent from the Joint Distributing Committee in New-York and this money was on the disposal of Miss Margolis and M. Siegel . Now the question at the meeting arose to whom this money should be transfered to.).

The Jewish Community in the person of Dr, Kardegg and other members of the Community refused to accept the responsibility of supporting the camps, stating that the Community was unable to raise the sum of $35.000 per month , because their monthly income taxation of refugees amounts only to $28.000, and that it would be impossible to increase the taxation, and that in order to solve the "housing" problem made a suggestion that a fund collection, similar to the "Kitchen Fund" should be organized. However this sugestion was not accepted, because it would interfer with the collec-

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-tion of the "Kitchen Fund".

The members of the meeting devided in two definite groups: one for the Jewish Community taking the responsibility for the "housing" problem of the refugees and the second group for founding a new "Housing Fund" and collect money from Jewish organizations and individuals.

The meeting came to a dead point, as no decision could be reached.

An intermission was then called for 10 minutes. After the intermission the head of the "Kitchen Fund" Dr. Bergglas proposed that if the sum at present in possesion of the Committee for Assistance.....would be handed over to the "Kitchen Fund" and the Jewish Community paying in monthly only $10.000 to the "Kitchen Fund", same is taking over the two problems: the "housing" and "feeding" of the refugees.

Where-upon it was desided that the money and the provisions in stock with the Committee for Assistance at the present time shall be handed over to the "Kitchen Fund" and the Jewish Community shall pay monthly $10,000 in support of "housing" to the "Kitchen Fund", whilst the Committee for Assistance ... must cease functioning on the 15-th of September.

In view of the above there will remain as from the 15-9-42 two main Jewish Refugee organizations, namely;

1. The "Kitchen Fund". 2. The "Jewish Community".

The meeting was then adjourned. A copy of the minutes of the meeting, which was conducted in German language, will be sent to this office.

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Officer i/c Foreign Affairs Section.

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REPORT

Foreign Affairs. File No. Date July 22, 1942.

SUBJECT: JOINT MEETING OF THE "COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH REFUGEES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE" and "THE COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY".

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At 5 p.m. on the 20-7-42 a Joint Meeting was held by the Committee for the Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Central Europe and the Committee of the Jewish Community at the Shanghai Jewish Club, 722 Bubbling Well Road, when 17 persons were present and the meeting was conducted by M. Speelman, chairman.

At the very beginning of the meeting M. Speelman informed that a letter had been received from the Committee of Jewish Community stating that the Jewish Community, irrespective of the fact that at the previous meeting on the 15-7-42 Dr. Kardegg, chairman of the Jewish Community, had agreed to take over the charity work for the Jewish refugees, now refuses to comply with the agreement giving the following reason for refusal:

1. That the Jewish Community is unable to raise the required sum of $205.000 monthly to suply with food the destitute 4500 Jewish Refugees.
2. That the present Committee for Assistance to Jewish Refugees should continue to work under M. Speelman.
3. That the latter named Committee should endeavour to collect contributions from other Jewish organization in Shanghai.
4. That a special Committee be elected to look after the Communal Kitchen.
5. Expressing their regret on the resignation of Miss L. Margolis and M. Siegel from the Committee for Assistance, sugesting that they should carry on their charity activities in raising funds.

The above letter was received with a great dissatisfactio by the members of the meeting, other than of the Jewish Community, who accused the Jewish Community of attempting

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to avoid responsibility. It was mentioned that some Jewish Refugees arrived in Shanghai in possesion of rather large sums of money and were members of the Jewish Chamber of Commerce, when one named Kaufmann, who is a member of the Jew. Ch. of Commerce, stated that if the Jewish Community will raise $100.000, the Chamber of Commerce will raise an equal sum.

The discussion however did not come to any definite decision.

Lutz Wachsner was appointed as the manager of the Ward Road Camp and from $7000 to $8000 were put to his disposal for running the said Camp.

The Committee has still $100000 for their disposal and besides 600 Sponsorships, $50.00 each, have been obtained from subscribers.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Officer i/c of Foreign Affairs Section.

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Foreign Affairs Section. File No. ..... Date July 16, 1942.

SUBJECT: Meeting of the COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH REFUGEES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE.

At 4.30p.m. on the 15th of July 1942 a meeting was held by the "Committee for the Assistance to Jewish Refugees from Central Europe" at the Shanghai Jewish Club, 722 Bubbling Well Road, when 16 persons were present.

The meeting was presided by M.Speelman, who informed the members of the Committee that the question about the three Refugee Hospitals was finally settled, as the S.M.C. had agreed that the patients in these hospitals could be transfered to the S.M.C. Isolation Hospital and the General Hospital respectively, and that there was therefore no need for the "Jewish Community" to endeavour to establish a hospital for Refugees at 680 Chaoufong road, where formerly the Refugee Isolation Hospital was located, moreover so because the "Jewish Community" was short of funds, and that the Refugee Doctors will do their best to watch over the health of the refugees.

One of the members then reported that the communal kitchen, the building of which is in progress, will cost about C.R.B. 50.000 and will be soon ready for use. The kitchen will be located at the Refugee Camp, 961 E. Seward Road.

Dr. Kardegg, chairman of the Jewish Community, 416/22 Tongshan Road, then informed the Committe that over 400 subscriptions for SPONSORSHIPS (each $50.00 per month) had been collected up to the present date and made a further appeal to the members of the Committee to do their upmost efforts in order to find more subscribers. A sum of $6000- had also been collected from donations of various persons.

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Miss Laura Margolis and Manuel Siegel, the two representatives of the JOINT DISTRIBUTING CENTRE FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH REFUGEES IN U.S.A., who up to the present were actually managing the charity affairs of the Committee then anounced their resignation from the Committee, owing to the fact that no contributions can be at the present ti time be received from U.S.A. and therefore their function has automaticaly become void. However they agreed to assist in the charity work of the"Jewish Community", who will take over all responsibility for the food etc. supply to destitute refugees from the Ist of August, 1942. In order to transfer all Active and Passive of the Charity Funds a meeting of members of the Committee for the Assistants for Jewish Refugees From Central Europe and members of the Committee from the"Jewish Community" will be held at 5 p.m. on the 20th of July,-42, at the Shanghai Jewish Club.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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SUBJECT: Meeting of the Committee for the Assistance of Central European Jewish Refugees on the 17/6/42 at the Jewish Club, 722 B'Well Road

At 4.30 p.m. on the 17/6/42 the Committee for the Assistance of Central European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai, held a meeting at the Shanghai Jewish Club, No. 722 Bubbling Well Road, when 16 members of the Committee were present, including Mr. Robert Peretz from the International Committee (I.C.) Mr. Speelman, Chairman of the Committee, presided.

The essential part of the meeting was the present disastrous situation faced by the Committee for assistance as regards the Jewish refugees enjoying free meals and lodging at the five camps, and also the situation of the three hospitals:- Isolation, 680 Chaoufoong Road, Refugee Hospital and Maternity Ward, 138 Ward Road. It was clearly given to understand that from the 1st. of July, 1942, there will be no more free bread or hot meal issue to destitute refugees and that the hospitals have to be closed on the above date.

The question was raised that the Refugee Hospital 138 Ward Road, should be taken over by the "Communal Association of Central European Jews", 416/22 Tongshan Road, with the understanding that the patients of the Isolation Hospital, 680 Chaoufoong Road, be taken over by the Public Health Department, as this had been already arranged with the Commissioner of the P.H.D., and that the Refugee Hospital could then be transferred to the premises at 680 Chaoufoong Road. In reply to the above suggestion, Dr. Kardegg, Chairman of the Communal Association of Central European Jews, stated

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that the Association had insufficient funds to support the hospital, which needed about $70,000 per mensem, whilst the income of the Association collected from members through income taxation was only about $15,000 per mensem.

A suggestion was then made that the inventory (equipment) of the present three hospitals estimated value $1,000,000. C.R.B., could be loaned to the Communal Association in order to carry on the medical assistance to refugee patients in the above planned hospital, 680 Chaoufoong Road. However the question being of a complicated nature, no definite decision was reached, but that Refugee Doctors should express their opinion first in this matter.

It was also pointed out that such transfer of the hospital in question, if it was agreed upon, could only be accomplished in six or seven weeks from the date of removal of all present patients in the Isolation Hospital.

From the 15th. of June, about one-third of refugees supported by the Committee for assistance were cut off from bread and the only hot meal supply, and it was pointed out that criminal cases in which refugees are involved have already increased in Wayside District.

At present the Committee still supports with bread and one hot meal (soup) per day - 4056 persons, but this supply will be most probably discontinued on the 30th. of June, if no additional funds are being found in the meantime. The above has been made known to the refugees in order to be prepared to meet the situation.

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One of the members of the Committee Lutz Wachsner announced in the German language a calculation worked out by him and R. Peretz, (I.C.), according to which in order to supply with minimum of food for 4000 persons, a sum of C.R.B. $205,000 was wanted per month and made an appeal to all Jews in Shanghai, irrespective of nationality, to support people of their own faith, in order to raise the above sum.

The Committee then divided all Jews in Shanghai in the following three groups to whom an appeal for donations will be made:-

(1) "Communal Association of Central European Jews" formerly the "Jewish Community."

(2) "Ashkenazi Association" (Consisting mostly of Russian Jews)

(3)"Sephardic Jewish Community", formerly "Jewish Communal Association of Shanghai".

Exceptional appeal was made to the lastmentioned organization, it being known that some members of same are very wealthy, but have done very little to assist in the present plight of the Jewish Refugees from Central Europe.

It was also stated that the Committee had made an appeal before the Japanese Authorities and S.M.C., however it is most desirable that Jews in Shanghai should raise the above named sum, C.R.B. $205,000 monthly, themselves.

The meeting was adjourned with the understanding that the members of the Committee will approach certain wealthy persons of Jewish faith in Shanghai and appeal for contributions.

Officer i/c
Foreign Affairs,
Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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Special Branch. Station. File No. Date May 26, 1942.

SUBJECT: Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai Stops Payment of Subsidies to Destitute Jewish Refugees. - 7000 Refugees faced with Uncertain Future Here.

It is learned that on May 21, 1942, the Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai has received from the Jewish Committee at La Plaz (Bolivia) a cable stating that it will no longer be able to act as an intermediary between the Shanghai Committee and the Joint Distribution Committee of America, as the U. S. State Department prohibits such a connection.

The Committee is now faced with a position similar to that prevailing in January 1942, when, however, through the kindness of the local Japanese Authorities contact through South America was established with the Joint Distribution of America, which guaranteed to refund a sum of US$180,000 raised locally from Jewish circles and used for the relief of destitute Jews.

Since the beginning of April the local Committee has attempted to insure a guarantee from the Joint for further monies, in order to be able to carry on the relief programme for further six months. The above mentioned cable has for the time being excluded all possibilities of raising the required monies.

In view of this recent development the Committee has been forced to stop the out-payment of subsidies to destitute refugees. A certain amount of vegetables and bread stocked by the Committee is still being distributed, but it is thought that the supplies will be exhausted within a month or less.

A meeting which was attended by Mr. Speelman (Chairman of the Committee) and Miss Margolies and Mr. Siegel

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(local representatives of the Joint Committee), and Messrs. Bitker, Rabinevitch, Dr. Kardegg, Mr. Wachsner and Mr. Bandmann (Committee Members) was held on Sunday, May 24, at the Shanghai Jewish Club. During the said meeting it was learned that the Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai has at present 5.668 Central European refugees under its care; and the EastJewCom (35 Moulmein Road) cares for over 800 Polish refugees. Both Committees were financed by the Joint Distribution Centre of New York, U.S.A.

It was estimated that a sum of C.R.B.$550.000 monthly are required in order to carry on with supplying the barest minimum to those under the care of the Committees (The sum mentioned allows approximately C.R.B.$77.- per person monthly). Local donations amounted to only Shanghai $5.000.- monthly, and it is thought to be impossible to raise raise anything resembling the figure required through local donations.

On Wednesday, May 27, a meeting attended by the Committee members, Joint representatives, representatives of the Juedische Gemeinde and Rabbi Ashkenazi will take place at the Shanghai Jewish Club, when the acute situation will be discussed.

The grave financial crisis facing the local refugee community forms an unprecedented economical distress in this city; it is unnecessary to describe what effect the addition of 7000 destitute foreigners would have on the life of Shanghai.

Officer i/c Special Branch. B. S.

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S.4, Special Branch ~~Section~~. File No. ..... Date April 15th, 1942.

SUBJECT: Committee for the Assistance to European Jewish Refugees.

Between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on April 14th, 1942, the undersigned attended the office of the Fundraising Dept. of the above Committee at 51 Canton Road, where about 15 voluntary assistants to the intended drive for funds had been assembled. Mr. Bortz of Nicolai Bortz, 209 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, outlined the lines according to which the voluntary helpers would have to work and in which way best results could be expected. He again stressed the necessity of more funds being raised, describing in detail the circumstances of people living in camps and in particular the plight of the hospitals. For the benefit of the latter institutions, permission has been sought from the Police Authorities for the organization of "Tag" days, according to Mr. Bortz.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE REGISTRY
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Special Branch Station. File No. Date January 13, 1942.

SUBJECT: CENTRAL EUROPEAN REFUGEES - Proclamation appearing in Shanghai Jewish Chronicle of January 12, 1942.

Attached herewith is a summarized translation of a proclamation that appeared in the Shanghai Jewish Chronicle of January 12, 1942 concerning measures that are now being adopted in the local refugee community for the feeding and caring of those persons rendered destitute by the current crisis.

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

TO ALL JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN IN SHANGHAI.

In this serious hour the "JUEDISCHE GEMEINDE" issues an appeal for help to you. A terrible calamity has reached a great number of the Immigrants. The public has already been notified that the help from the Joint in America has at present ceased. Hunger and disease threaten many of our brothers and sisters. Everything must be done to come to their aid as quickly as possible. We therefore request all Jews to declare their solidarity with the sufferers. To bring immediate aid the Juedische Gemeinde requests:

1. Every family which does its own cooking shall daily give one main meal to at least one needy person.
2. Families which do not do their own cooking shall pay a sum of $30.00 (thirty) monthly instead.
3. Restaurant, Coffee-House, and Bar owners shall charge a 10% surtax on all bills, which shall go to the assistance fund of the Juedische Gemeinde.
4. Provisionstores shall also collect a 5% surtax on their goods.
5. It is the duty of every wealthy Jew to come to the immediate assistance of his fellow-Jews by contributing a generous sum.

All those to whom this proclamation applies are requested to get in touch personally, by letter or by phone with the Juedische Gemeinde(805 East Seward Road, Tel. 50192) without any loss of time.

COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
JUEDISCHE GEMEINDE.

Shanghai, January 11, 1942.

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